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Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 11, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

46. (Once Amended) The composition according to Claim 21, wherein the desired tissue site is an osseous site in a state of osteoporosis.

42. (Once Amended) A substantially dehydrated biocompatible composition, comprising a biocompatible, resorbable, medium for suspending a biomaterial, the suspending medium comprising a dehydrated polysaccharide gel for maintaining the biomaterial suspended

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